



## Rise In Wholesale Food Costs Cuts Co-op Savings

Greenbelt Consumer Services is facing a big problem in its effort to maintain substantial margins in certain of its stores, as evidenced by the financial report for the first quarter. This condition, brought about by rising costs and other factors, was discussed at the quarterly membership meeting held in the auditorium of the Community Building Wednesday evening.

The net saving during the first quarter of 1941 amounted to \$1,035.43, as compared to \$1,473.98 for the corresponding period of 1940. Up to the present time, the food margins have always carried the business, the Cooperator was told at an interview just preceding the meeting. If the service stores—barber shop, valet shop, beauty parlor—broke even or showed small margins, the management was not too "unhappy."

Now, however, the situation at the food store is becoming acute. The food store shows a net margin of \$360.44 for the January—March, 1941 period. This is \$775.28 below the net margin of \$1,135.72 for the first quarter last year.

The reason for a lowered margin on foods is rising costs. Advances in retail prices have not kept pace with rises in wholesale prices. Distributors, including Greenbelt Consumer Services, are absorbing some of the higher costs of food because of competition.

Although wholesale prices rose 10 percent in the last year, retail prices advanced only 3 percent. The remaining 7 percent rise in food costs has not been passed on to the consumer, resulting in serious reductions in the net margin of earnings. Added to this condition is the fact that G.C.S. has increased its personnel, in order to improve the service offered its patrons, and the employees have received wage increases.

It has been reported by the press that no shortages are in sight on any of the ordinary articles of food or clothing. Higher prices may be expected, however, for meat, canned vegetables, eggs, dairy products, woolen goods, shoes, knitted underwear, and men's work clothing.

The Associated Press reported that on May 2 wholesale butter prices at Chicago had advanced to the highest level for May in the past 11 years. Ninety-two score butter was quoted at 33 3/4 cents a pound up 7 1/4 cents over a year ago. Fear of a relative shortage later in the year—contradictory to other reports—was reported as a factor in the current strength of butter prices.

Like every other store selling foods and other merchandise, and like every consumer, Greenbelt Consumer Services is confronted with serious problems resulting from the efforts of the United States to provide itself and other nations with food and material during the defense and lease-lend programs.

The G.C.S. membership meeting was in progress at press time for the Cooperator Wednesday night. Consequently, complete details of the meeting cannot be reported until next week.

## BAND PERFORMS FOR P.T.A.

Looking very cool and crisp in their new white uniforms, the boys and girls of Greenbelt Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Garret entertained the Parent Teacher Association April 25 in the auditorium. The large audience was pleased and impressed by the evidence of much hard work in the program of well-played numbers, including such diverse items as marches, church hymns, and even an overture. Mr. Garret explained his methods in training the group, and gave full credit to the young people themselves for their hard work. This was their first public appearance.

A demonstration of their training in sight reading was part of the program and showed how seriously these boys and girls are taking this opportunity to learn music in its group phases and how well they have learned to respond to a simple word or two of direction quietly given.

After the band had adjourned to refreshments served them by members of the P.T.A. a short business session was held which included election of a nomination committee to prepare for the annual election of officers at the regular monthly meeting in May.

This nominating committee consists of Mrs. Lois Fulmer, Mrs. Lewis P. Ditman, and Mrs. Herkus Letke-mann.

The Health Association will not have a collection display table in the Food Store this month. Instead, members may pay their dues at the office of the Credit Union (over the Drug Store) on May 15, 16 & 17. There will be a special box there with envelopes for the purpose. Members paying cash may have their receipts mailed to them.

DON'T FORGET THE DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

## WILL LIMIT NEW HOMES TO DEFENSE WORKERS

The new homes in Greenbelt will be available only to employees of the Navy Yard and Civilians of the War and Navy Departments. This belief was expressed by officials of the Federal Security Agency this week when the F.S.A. asked bids for construction of 152 "defense" homes at Greenbelt.

The restricting of tenantry to a comparatively limited number of persons is contained in the Lanham Act under which the 1000 additional Greenbelt homes will be built. This act specifically limits the use of the homes to defense workers.

## National Hospital Day To Be Observed Here

"A good hospital is not produced by the doctor, the trustee, the nurse, or the helper, but by the co-operation of all concerned, and it is maintained because of a community need and appreciation."

This quotation, taken from an article published in the current issue of The Journal of The American Hospital Association, brings to mind our own small but efficient hospital.

Throughout the months that the hospital has been of service to the Town of Greenbelt and surrounding communities, the entire personnel has worked together in a true spirit of cooperation, many times doing work not definitely in his or her sphere, staying on duty to help in cases of emergency without counting the extra hours, giving service and treating patients as individuals and not merely as interesting "cases".

With a competent personnel possessing these attributes, it is easy to understand how our hospital has thus far served a vital community need, and served it well.

On Monday, May 12th, National Hospital Day is observed throughout the country. Ordinarily we do not think of our hospital except when illness strikes. Why not, on this day, become better acquainted with your hospital and its facilities by taking advantage of one of the tours of inspection which will be conducted by Miss Elizabeth Yurelich, Superintendent, and Miss Helen Boren, Assistant Superintendent, throughout the afternoon.

## G.H.A. Bulletin Editor Resigns

Due to the resignation of its editor, Sam Misler, there was no issue of the Health Association's BULLETIN this month. The Board of Directors of the Health Association appointed Anne Hull as the new editor and publication will be resumed so that an issue will be ready for distribution on June 1st. All members of the Health Association are urged to send their news items to Anne Hull. Any member who would like to volunteer his services as a typist or writer, is also urged to contact Mrs. Hull.

The next issue of the BULLETIN is likely to be a large one inasmuch as the Board of Directors has been tackling some fundamental problems during its last few meetings. These problems evolved from the resignation of Dr. Still and include such things as the question of a replacement on the medical staff, the terms on which a new staff member will be taken on, and new contracts for the two present members of the staff.

At its meeting on Wednesday, the Board and the present staff stressed the need for a third man at the earliest possible date realizing that the supply of available doctors is rapidly being depleted by the national draft. It is hoped that the new staff member will have some specialized training and practice in the field of obstetrics.

## Saturday Night Dance To Aid Boy Scout Summer Camp Fund

The annual spring dance for the BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP FUND and sponsored by the Mothers and Committee-men will be held in the Elementary School Auditorium on Saturday, May 10, 1941. Dancing will be between the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Music will be furnished by Victor Miller's Orchestra. You may get your tickets now. An enjoyable evening of social entertainment is promised everyone.

## Greenbelter Wins High Honor

Among the names of 50 students who have been elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity at the University of Maryland, is that of Lexey Cragin of Greenbelt.

The requirements for election to this fraternity are extremely difficult. Greenbelt takes off its hat to Mr. Cragin for this unique achievement.

## G.C.A. SPEAKER URGES DRAFT COOPERATION

At the meeting of the Citizens' Association on Monday, May 5, Edwin W. Luther, Assistant Public Relations Officer in the Selective Service system emphasized the fact that selective service had met with complete cooperation throughout the nation, and that considerably less opposition had been encountered than was anticipated.

Mr. Luther's talk was one of the highlights of the monthly meeting of the Citizens' Association and was delivered at the beginning of the meeting, following the reading of the minutes and committee reports. Some of the interesting items mentioned in the talk were the facts that only two per cent of the registrants over 30 years of age had been found suitable for training, and that the best qualified selectees were those between the ages of 25 and 28. The speaker admitted that there were numerous inequities and inequalities in the present law, and that the selective service act was expected to be amended during this session of Congress. Although no mention was made as to whether the proposed amendments included the lengthening of the training period, Mr. Luther stated that the men could not be adequately trained in one year.

Following the talk, President Abraham Chasanow requested nominations for the vacancy existing in the office of Vice-President of the Citizens' Association. Dayton W. Hull was nominated, after which a motion was passed that nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot cast for Mr. Hull.

The Committee on Awards for Citizens recommended annual awards to citizens for meritorious service to the community and offered a number of suggestions for the appointment of a committee to select the recipients and the type of award to be made.

The committee on Vacations for Refugee Children moved that the Citizens' Association sponsor another vacation plan this summer for refugee children and that a sum not to exceed \$45. be appropriated for transportation for these children. The motion was passed, and the President then announced the appointment of the Reverend Robert Lee Kincheloe as chairman of the committee to arrange for the vacation.

At the conclusion of the meeting President Chasanow announced that the Executive Committee was making plans for a Greenbelt Picnic for the 4th of July. He stated that it was expected to be an all-day outing which would include a baseball game and a number of other games and contests, probably with fireworks at the conclusion of the evening, and that all organizations would be asked to cooperate in making it the most momentous affair in Greenbelt's history.

## FOUR LOCAL MEN INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

As a result of a crash in the 2000 block of West Virginia Ave., N.E. on Wednesday morning four Greenbelt men are recovering from various injuries in Casualty Hospital, Washington. The accident occurred while the men were on their way to work, at approximately 8:30 A.M.

Those hospitalized as a result were Hershal Young, possible contusions; Joseph Mallard, contusions of left shoulder; Marks M. Chapman, general bruises and contusions; Boyd Schaff, lacerations of the face and contusion of the left ankle and ribs.

## Kern Takes Top Honors

Don Kern, President of the Greenbelt Gun Club, won two awards in the Potomac Valley Championship small bore team match at Montrose last Sunday, taking a medal as high man on the Greenbelt team and a plaque for high score of all who participated in the Dewar team match—about 150 shooters. Kern made 396 out of a possible 400 at one of Maryland's hardest ranges on which to shoot such scores.

A dozen different rifle teams from the District of Columbia and 4 nearby states took part in the main event, which was won by the National Capitol Rifle and Pistol Club.

The local Gun Club was represented by Kern, L. Woodman, H. Hesse, P. Zimmerman, D. Montfort, D. Kling, and N. Slater.

Paul Zimmerman won a separate medal as high man on the Greenbelt Pistol team.

## Boy Scout Cabin To Rise In Town Area

The contract for a cabin to be built for the use of Boy Scouts in Prince Georges County was let May 5 to C.B. Tarrant, a builder from District Heights, Md. Work started Tuesday morning, May 6. Frank S. Taylor Scout Commissioner, promises that the building will be completed on or before June 6.

The dedication and opening ceremonies of the Rotary Cabin will be held June 8. The Cabin is located in the Greenbelt area.



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## SO YOU'LL DIE FOR DEMOCRACY

It is impossible to walk down the streets of Greenbelt and find a person who would not claim their undying love for Democracy. It is impossible to go to the Citizens Association meetings and find one third of the small number of chairs provided filled by these good citizens. These two statements do not add up in the simplest of arithmetic.

We are willing to lay a bet at your odds that if some piece of legislation affecting the liberties or purses of our good citizens is passed by our council, the state legislature or the congress, the persons yelling the loudest will be those most conspicuous in their absence from any and all of the meetings of this, our only organization formed to give the lawmakers, etc. our views on any matter before them.

We have asked some of our leading citizens, who have yet to be seen at any of the G.C.A. meetings, just why they weren't there. The answers are vague. Some don't like the officers and when asked if they helped elect them, the answer was—NO. Some don't like the policies, and when asked if they helped form the same, the answer was—No. Some don't like this and that but the answer to our question was always the same, NO. The next time you hear anyone complain of conditions, just ask them what steps they took to help prevent the cause for complaint. You can't surprise us with the answer.

Greenbelt is a town of cooperation where democracy in its purest form can and could be practiced. The sooner you and your neighbor learn to take advantage of the opportunities offered to govern yourselves as well as conduct your own business, the better off you will be and can aid in some measure to further the cooperative movement and the spirit of true Democracy. We can and should furnish the rest of the country with a guide for better living based on our own community affairs. Let us hope that we can disprove our statement that "Democracy is easier to die for than live up to."

## Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

Last week's Cooperator carried a letter which left the painful impression that Hitler is not the only one who distorts the truth to confound real or fancied enemies. It caused me to dig out the issues of "Present Truth", which I had ignored until "A Reader" called my attention to them. The very first I picked up spoke of "Christian superiority" in this manner: "While the Israelites were on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land, the true-hearted among them were a light to the surrounding nations. Through them God was revealed to the world. From Daniel and his companions in Babylon, and from Mordecai in Persia, bright beams of light shone out amid the darkness of the kingly courts. In like manner the disciples of Christ are set as light bearers on the way to heaven".

The author reveals her Christian spirit in these lines: "Christ tears away the wall of partition, the self-love, the dividing prejudice of nationality, and teaches a love for all the human family. He lifts men from the narrow circle that their selfishness prescribes. He abolishes all territorial lines and artificial distinctions of society. He makes no difference between neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies".

The author does not "compare Christianity and Judaism". Her message is simply that Christ came to break down "the wall of partition between the appointed guardians of the sacred oracles and every other nation on the globe". She pays tribute to all true Israelites and Christians, and attacks only the bigotry which would separate the human family in its striving for God. If this is "preaching religious hatred" I hope to see more of it.

However malicious the intent, "A Reader" should be commended for causing many to read as worthwhile a paper as this.

Another Reader.

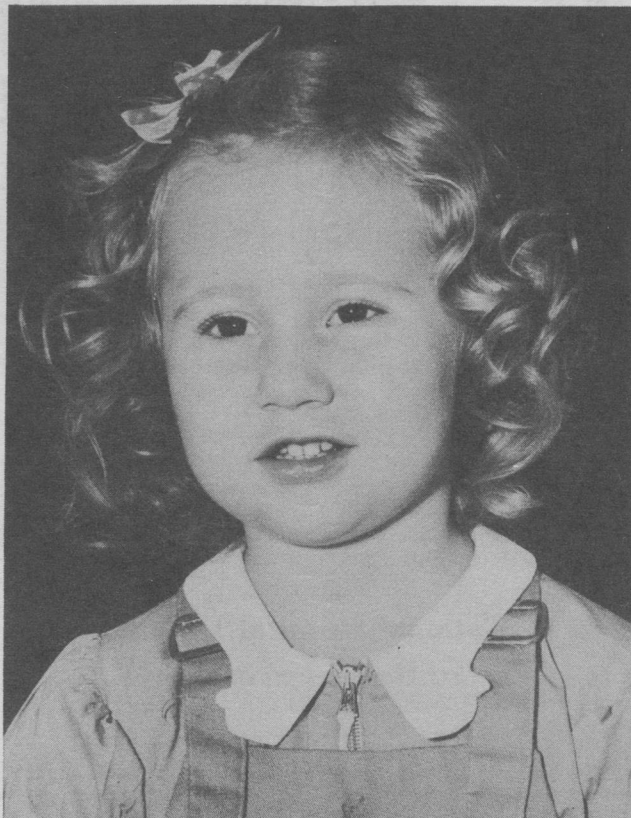
To the Editor:

May we, through the Cooperator, take this opportunity of publicly expressing our gratitude to Judge Freeman, who so promptly volunteered for a blood-transfusion when the fourth one became necessary during Mrs. Ketcham's recent illness.

We also wish to thank Mrs. Freeman and members of the American Legion who were also ready, if further transfusions were necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Ketcham.

## Camera Club Display A Huge Success



SHARON LEE

by W. EARL THOMAS

Monday night saw the opening of one of the best salons yet presented by the Greenbelt Camera Club. The members worked hard to present their best and when the final judging was completed, the judges admitted they had a real difficult time in deciding the winners. The judges were Mr. James Kieley of the National Park Service a well known photographer and exhibitor in his own right and Mr. Richard Jera-bek, artist and photographer.

The final winners were: Portraits, Mr. A.B. Hill walked off with both first and second place while honorable mention was awarded to W. Earl Thomas. In the pictorial class first prize and honorable mention went to Levi Pittman with W. Earl Thomas securing second place.

## U.S. Cooperatives Dress Up For Official Inspection

The American consumer cooperative movement will comb its hair, brush its teeth and put on its best bib and tucker when it invites company in to see it during the first official tour of the U.S. cooperatives this summer. The tour, which is sponsored by The Cooperative League of the USA, is scheduled for July 7 to 19 inclusive and will take in the high-spots of the movement.

This will be the first opportunity for educators, churchmen, students; farm, labor and civic leaders to see the cooperatives at work in the course of a systematic tour, League officials pointed out.

Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, tour director of the Co-operative League, said in making the announcement, "We have heard a great deal about cooperatives in Europe and Nova Scotia. Thousands have visited them and brought back a new vision of the practicability of a truly democratic social order based on peace and cooperation. Today the United States is the home of one of the world's most dramatic cooperative movements. But few have seen the great expanse of it at work."

The cost is being held to a minimum to encourage a large number of interested people to study the American cooperatives in action. The total cost will be \$88 which included: registration fee \$10, complete board and room on the tour \$48 and transportation for those not driving their own cars \$30. People driving their own cars will be paid \$30 for each additional person they take with them in their cars.

Complete information about the tour and a detailed itinerary can be secured from Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Tour Director, The Cooperative League of the U.S.A., 167 West 12th Street, New York City.

## CO-OP DIGEST IS PUBLISHED

"Introduction to the Cooperative Movement" by Andrew J. Kress, a new book, has just been published by Harper and Brothers. It includes selections from the writings of Robert Owen, Beatrice Webb, George W. Russell, Charles Gide, James P. Warbasse and many others covering the philosophy and accomplishments of the cooperative movement.

Oscar Cooley, editor of the Cooperative Builder, said in reviewing the book, "We have in one volume the cream of all that has been written on the subject of cooperation, skimmed and refined by an expert research man...Considering the present popularity of 'digests' this book should get a wide circulation." Copies may be purchased thru the Cooperative League, 167 W. 12th Street, New York, for \$3 per copy.

## CHAPTER 2 OF CO-OP STORY EXPLAINS CO-OP PRINCIPLES

(This is the second article of the series on the G.C.S. booklet which tells the story of the Greenbelt stores. Last week's article included the Foreword and Chapter 1 which gave a brief resume of how the co-op came to be. In answer to the question, "What is a consumer cooperative?" the reader was advised to turn to...)

### CHAPTER 11

#### WHAT IS A CONSUMER COOPERATIVE?

A consumer cooperative is a non-profit business organization operated democratically by and for its customers. It is governed by principles known as the Rochdale principles, the most important of which provide:

1. One member, one vote. That is, regardless of the number of shares a person may own in a cooperative, he has only one vote at its meetings. Thus votes are assigned democratically, to people and not to wealth; and control is secured to the many, and not to the few. In the Greenbelt Cooperative, every one owning one fully paid share of stock, costing ten dollars, is entitled to all the privileges of membership.

2. Limited interest on shares. Since a cooperative is a non-profit organization, return on shares of stock is limited. In the Greenbelt Cooperative the maximum return on shares is three per cent. (The members are considering raising the maximum to five per cent.)

3. Earnings returned to patrons. The cooperative endeavors to sell its merchandise at the current market prices. At the end of each year, after deduction of reserves necessary for the protection of the cooperative, the net earnings are returned to the patrons of the cooperative in proportion to purchases during the year. The Greenbelt Cooperative declared a 3.85% patronage return on 1940 patronage.

That, briefly, is the nature of a consumer cooperative. But, to direct our thoughts to the local scene,.....

### CHAPTER 111

#### WHO RUNS THE GREENBELT CO-OP?

Over seven hundred citizens of Greenbelt are members of our Cooperative. Greenbelt residents have over \$10,000 invested in shares in their stores. The members meet at least quarterly, to elect the directors of the Cooperative and to decide its major policies. During the past year, for example, the members decided to invest \$3500 to open the new Variety Store, to issue over \$7000 in patronage returns, to sponsor the local newspaper; and they made many other basic decisions for their Cooperative.

The membership elects a board of directors to administer the Cooperative between membership meetings. The Board appoints a general manager, who conducts the operation of the businesses and who hires the remaining employees. The membership has final authority over all action taken by the Cooperative.

So the Greenbelt Cooperative is, as cooperative should be, run by and for its members.

"All very simple," we hope you will say, as you ask the very vital question: "But does it work?" So we turn to.....

## "FUTURE BELONGS TO CO-OPS," 300 STUDENTS TOLD

West Lafayette, Ind. - Delegates from student cooperatives on the campuses of the Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, Ohio State College, Purdue University, University of Chicago and Milwaukee State Teachers College met here April 5 and 6 for the regular spring convention of the Midwest Federation of Campus Cooperatives.

The highlights of the convention were a broadcast over station WEBB by campus co-op leaders and a banquet attended by about 300 students co-op representatives Saturday evening. I. H. Hull, manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association and president of National Cooperatives, delivered the principle address of the evening on the relationship between the student cooperatives and the cooperative movement. The future belongs to the co-ops, he said as he pointed to the cooperatives as a constructive answer to America's economic and social problems. Mr. Hull's talk was one of added interest for it was his son, Jim, who was one of the original founders of the co-op movement on Purdue campus, which now has 11 men's and 5 girls' houses.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning sessions were devoted to discussions of education, recreation and organization problems including administration of campus co-ops, joint purchasing and arrangements for contract services.

Officers of the Federation elected at the closing meeting were Ken Racine of the University of Wisconsin, president; Lawrence Myers, regional representative in the National Committee on Student Cooperatives; and Mike Majetich of the Univ. of Minn., organizational director. The latter is a new office. The organizational director will be responsible for collecting the complete information on student cooperatives in the midwest, will assist in the organization of new cooperatives on campuses and help clear up such organization problems as incorporation and other immediate problems affecting campus co-ops. The convention unanimously voted to raise membership fees to 5¢ per individual member per year and selected the University of Minnesota as the scene of the next convention. The Purdue Student Cooperative Association, of which Lawrence Myers is the new president, was host to the convention.



## OUR NEIGHBORS

By Patty Beebe

Last call for your tribute to posterity. That cook book to be published by The Community Church Guild should be a humdinger because all the recipes are favorites of Greenbelt women and all that are used will be accompanied by the name of the contributor. If, due to a call while you were away from home, you were missed and have a pet recipe—see or call Mrs. Fred De Jaeger of 58-L Crescent who is in charge of this nice idea or Mrs. Miles Bonnar of 35-G Ridge—phone 5596 and they'll have one of their block representatives call for it at your convenience. But do it this week, without fail.

Mr. 'n Mrs. John Vachon of 18-C Crescent are on a three week vacation trip to Minnesota. They left Monday a few hours after Mr. Vachon's Mother and Dad who were visiting her over the week-end departed for the south.

Mrs. Roscoe Melton of 18-F Crescent has gone to Ozark, Mo., for the funeral of her Grandfather. She traveled partly by air, partly by rail.

There are many of our neighbors being transferred from Greenbelt this month. Mr. 'n Mrs. Raymond Taylor whose home town is just a few hours trip away. Mr. 'n Mrs. Ernest Kolonsky and daughter, Jean of 48-C Crescent are moving on the 15th of this month to New York. Mr. 'n Mrs. Connie Southen and their daughter Elaine of 3-B Ridge are moving into Washington. Mr. 'n Mrs. Wells Honeycutt and daughter, Kay, of 5-K Eastway are departing on May 15. We weren't able to discover their destination, but they are being transferred by his Governmental Dept. All their many friends are sorry to see them leave the Community.

Movies: Be sure and see The Philadelphia Story. It's a beautiful story whose main point has been missed by some. The point being a psychological phobia in a woman's make-up which is handled most subtly by the director of this picture. Another one to see is The Great Lie. A new twist in the eternal triangle is handled nicely and Bette Davis is just Bette Davis which is enough.

If your little ray of sunshine turns into a cloud burst at the mere mention of a shampoo, try Kleenert's Shampoo Shield, a rubberized disc which fits firmly but gently around the head keeping soapsuds out of baby's eyes. They are only 25¢.

On the sick list is young Joe Long of 3-B Gardenway who was struck by a baseball which fractured his wrist. That makes the third broken arm this month.

Just to show that Greenbelt can be versatile, little Pat Pittman did not break an arm. He had his appendix removed and is doing nicely.

Are you one of those faddists who swear raw eggs are more easily digested than cooked eggs? Or do you belong to the skim-milk-is-fattening school of thought? Or do you think black coffee without cream and sugar is more stimulating than coffee with cream and sugar?

If you believe any of these food superstitions, cross them off the list, advises the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the Department of Agriculture. Each is fallacious.

"Skim milk, for example, is a boon for people who turn white at the thought of calories," says the GUIDE. It is low in calory content but extremely high in food value. It is rich in calcium and phosphorus. It is an excellent source of Vitamin G (riboflavin), and it is a good protein food. Buttermilk has the same qualities, incidentally, and so does dry skim milk.

"About black coffee versus light coffee, the experts say that the caffeine, which provides the stimulant in coffee, is not affected by sugar or cream.

"Then on the question of the raw egg fallacy, the experts report that raw eggs are not more digestible than cooked eggs. In fact, it's quite the reverse. Soft, or properly prepared hard-cooked eggs are more digestible than raw eggs."

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## Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt!

It's idiotic — this feeling lost-like when I go to resign as your Women's Editor. I keep saying to myself, and anybody who will listen to me, that I couldn't possibly do this job while I am trying to keep my Pair of Doubles from falling into a Minnesota lake this summer and I certainly couldn't do it and pass my classes at the University this fall, and so I might as well make up my mind to it. And so here it is. I resign.

I am happy to know that my editorship will be put in such able hands as Patty Peebe's, and I know that you will give her the support and friendship that you have given me. Work with her, wont you? And like her. But please dont like her better than you do me!

—Peggie A.

## BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

The reorganized Better Buyers' Club of Block A, which had been meeting on alternate Fridays since January, held its first meeting under the new schedule of alternate Tuesdays on April 29 at the home of Mrs. Earl V. Marshall. In a discussion on Pain Relief Compounds it was brought out that the best buy in this commodity is Aspirin-Phenacetin-Caffeine tablets, retailing at 100 for 43¢, as compared to 12 for 23¢ for other tablets of the same formula.

It is hard to say whether these meetings are enjoyed more for their friendly, get-togetherly spirit or for the interesting, instructive discussions which are the rule. At any rate, the combination makes for an exceptionally well-spent evening, and it is hoped that the membership will be further increased by the change from Friday to Tuesday evening.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday evening, May 13, at 8:30 P.M., at the home of Mrs. Ernest H. Miner, 6-J Ridge Road.

On the evening of April 30, "The Nifty Shoppers" met with Mrs. Bessie Featherby at her home, 19-A Ridge Road, with eleven members present.

The leader of the club, Mrs. Marion Slauch led the group in a very interesting discussion of the various so-called pain-killing-pills sold at the Drug Store.

The White Elephant Drawing was won by Mrs. Mildred Monfort.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, May 14, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Lehman, 5-A Ridge Road.

All members are requested to be present at this meeting to participate in the annual election of officers.

## KINDERGARTEN FRESHMAN TO GET MEDICAL CHECK-UP

The summer round up for children who will enter kindergarten in September will be held in the Elementary School from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. Monday, May 12th. Wednesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 15th. The children will be given a preliminary examination which will include vision and hearing tests, history of past illnesses and weight and height measurements. Parents will be advised by post card as to which of the three days, they are to bring their children in for examination. However, Mrs. Joseph A. Long, Chairman of the Summer Round up Committee announces that all parents of children entering kindergarten in September should bring their children for this examination, whether or not they receive a card, as some children's names might accidentally not be on the list. Those parents who do not receive cards, should bring their children on any of the three days mentioned above.

During the following week, on Monday, May 19th, Thursday, May 22nd, and Friday, May 23rd, in the Elementary School, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., Dr. Berenberg and Dr. McCarl will give the children a physical and dental examination. Children who receive the preliminary examination the week of May 12th, will be given an appointment then, for the physical examination by the doctors.

## NURSERY SCHOOL MOTHERS INAUGURATE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Nursery school mothers will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 8:15 P.M. in the nursery school. This is intended to be the first of regular monthly meetings which will be held in the future.

In addition to matters of general interest this meeting will take up the question of a permanent list of substitute and regular helping mothers.

Various committees of the organization are expected to be inducted into active work and the attendance of all members is considered urgent.

Investigate the possibilities of your Variety Store for Mother's Day gifts.

# MRS. GREENBELT



## RECIPES

By Peggy Bargas

Three or four apples and a glass of apple jelly—the starting point of a very delicious dessert.

Slice the apples as for pie—butter a square or round deep cake pan, then put in a layer of sliced apples about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch deep—over this spread a layer of apple jelly—(if apples are very tart use a little sugar over apples). Over this pour regular two egg cake batter or your favorite upside down cake batter. Bake at 350 to 375 until cake is done—about 20 to 30 minutes or until tooth pick inserted in the middle comes out free from batter.

Mrs. Ethel Carson is the originator of this novel idea and to her—our thanks.

## Men Of Greenbelt Rejoice! Cooking School Here

A cooking school, being sponsored by the education committee of Greenbelt Consumer Services for the benefit of local housewives, will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 22 and 23, according to an announcement made last Sunday night by Mrs. Ella G. Roller, committee chairman. The school will be held in the home economics room of the Greenbelt Elementary School from 2 to 4 o'clock each afternoon.

Mrs. Turner, chief dietician of the Potomac Electric and Power Company, and one of her assistants will instruct the ladies in the art of preparing practicable, wholesome and attractive dishes. The food will be cooked while the audience is watching. During each day's demonstration, Mrs. Turner will prepare an oven meal, a top-of-the-stove meal, a baked dessert, and a refrigerator dish.

Because different recipes will be used each day, the ladies are being advised to attend both sessions of the school in order to get the full benefit of it. Co-op products will be used in the preparation of many of the dishes.

In order that the mothers of small children may devote their attention entirely to the cooking school the committee has arranged that a nursery be provided for the youngsters. The nursery will be under the supervision of competent women.

There will be many door prizes given away each day. On Friday there will be a cooking contest in which every lady may participate. Details are to be announced next week but it is known now, according to Mrs. Roller's announcement, that the winner will receive a nice, big baked ham. Other prizes will be awarded in connection with this contest.

Further details of the cooking school and the contest for the ladies will be announced next week, it was stated.

## Woman's Club Observes Year Of Work

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt held its final meeting of the year on May 1, 1941, at Mrs. K's Toll House Tavern, Silver Spring, Md. A delicious 1 o'clock luncheon was served in the special club room to the 17 members present. Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, the new president for the year, presided over the short business meeting. Each officer expressed her appreciation for the cooperation given her during the past year, and each member spoke of the pleasant contacts and memories gained from the past year of work through the Woman's Club. A tour of the gardens, beautiful in their spring blossoms, was enjoyed by each member. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, 1941.

## GOT PAINS? WE KILL 'EM CHEAP

The Better Buyers last week added Aspirin-Phenacetin-Caffeine Tablets, a pain killer, to their list of best buys. These tablets, made by the same formula as Empirin Compound and Acetidine, were selected because the selling price is much cheaper than that of the latter two products. Each ingredient used in the preparation of all these tablets must conform to U.S.P. and N.F. standards.

Aspirin-Phenacetin-Caffeine Tablets sell in Greenbelt at 43 cents per hundred. Albert Ellerin, pharmacist, plans to order a quantity in bulk, put them up in boxes of a dozen tablets each, and sell them at 15 cents for 12 tablets.

It was stated that pain killers such as these should be used under the direction of a physician. If such pain killers are used regularly for ailments which occur often, such as headaches caused by sinus trouble, without consulting a physician, the user is treating only the pain and is making little or no progress toward curing or at least treating the cause of the pain.

Neal's Creek, North Carolina's Mt. Mitchell game refuge, has been set aside for women anglers only. The creek is one of the best-stocked trout streams in the state.





## Meditations

by  
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The Community Men's Class of the Community Church School, headed by Mr. Rolfe Sauls and John Kramer, moved out from under a load of responsibility when a successful completion of the Maryland Federation of Men's Bible Classes annual Convention was achieved last Saturday evening.

This was Greenbelt's first State Convention. Approximately 170 people were in attendance from 1:00 to 10:00 Saturday P.M. The meetings of the Convention were held in the Auditorium and in the Social Room, with time out during the afternoon for a conducted tour of the town led by Mr. Braden and Mr. Vincent.

The affairs of the gathering were climaxed at 7:00 in the evening by a well prepared and served Turkey dinner. This culinary achievement was organized and promoted in all details by Mr. Allen Morrison, assisted by Mr. John Teel and Mr. F. Matthews, the serving headed by Mrs. Robert C. Porter and a capable corps of Church School Teachers. Various introductions were in order and the installation of new officers of the Federation was effected by the national President of the Federation. Incidentally, the Men's Class Glee Club did a grand job of entertaining via the musical route. The main speaker of the evening was Congressman John J. Sparkman from Alabama. His address was well received by all present, coming as it did from a man who is vitally interested in the work of the Men's Bible Class, and particularly connected with the great men's class of the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church. He called upon the men of our community and those of the other communities represented to be looking forward to the period of reconstruction that is ahead of the dark period through which we're going and to contribute constructive thinking in a time when it will be most needed to keep our democracy functioning. His theme: "Watchman, what of the night?" The answer: "The dawn cometh!"

I firmly believe, and this Convention has strengthened that belief, that there is an extremely important function to be filled by the Christian laymen of our Community. Specifically what that function is would require other cogitations than this brief sketch.

The future is in your hands, men!

## OHIO DEPARTMENT STORE CO-OP SMARTEST IN TOWN

Columbus, Ohio - When a hundred employees of Farm Bureau co-ops here formed their own retail cooperative in May, 1935, little did they realize that in a little less than six years they would be operating one of the smartest looking department stores in Columbus.

Resplendent in a new green marble front, the first consumer-owned department store in Columbus opened April 16 and 17, and full page advertisements in the Columbus papers invited all consumers of goods and services to stop, shop and join. Already the co-op has 780 members and is operating two parking lots and gasoline stations, a tailoring shop and half a dozen contract services as well as the store.

The department store takes up the entire first floor of the eight-story Farm Bureau Cooperative Building and includes men's furnishings and ladies wear stores, a beauty shop, lunch counter, drug and toilet goods department, specialty goods, electrical appliances, tires and automobile accessories, kitchen and bathroom fixtures, candies, tobacco and soda fountain. The store has fluorescent lighting throughout. Modern windows and recessed bronze doors make an attractive exterior. The interior has its walls painted in light eggplant, with trimmings of blended lawan wood and a white ceiling. All the showcases are of plate glass, are curved in shape and lighted within with fluorescent tubes.



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**Whitman's Famous Chocolates**

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**Fame and Fortune Chocolates**

**1 and 2 pound boxes**

**50 ¢ and \$ 1.00**

**Miller and Hollis Candies**

**Heart Shaped Box - 19 ¢**

**Brach's Miniature Milk  
Chocolates - 25 ¢ lb.**

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